

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 12 as follows:

-- The feature of the magnetic head of the present embodiment is a magnetic thin film 19, which is formed on the upper magnetic pole 18 and which faces a write-gap A. The magnetic thin film 19 comprises: a base layer 19a made of piled FeCo/NiFe; and a plated ~~layer~~layer 19b made of FeCo.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 16 as follows:

-- Since the plated layer 19b made of FeCo is formed on the base layer 19aare made of FeCo/NiFe, the magnetic thin film 19 has high saturation magnetic flux density and a low coercive force. By employing the magnetic thin film 19 as at least a part of magnetic pole cores facing the write-gap A, recording density can be highly improved.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 21 as follows:

-- Note that, a magnetic layer 17 of an end magnetic pole section 16 of the lower magnetic pole 14 may be made of the magnetic thin film, which included the base ~~layer~~layer 19aare made of FeCo/NiFe and the plated layer 19b made of FeCo.